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Stabbing leads police to drug lab

*Bloodied man
found on road
charged with
attempted murder*

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

A man covered in blood and carrying a knife was found walking along County Road 507 early yesterday morning.

Police came upon the 33-year-old Mississauga man when they responded to a call about a stabbing at a house on English Circle in Gooderham at 5:30 a.m. on February 12. They, along with Haliburton paramedics, went to the location of the stabbing. A 33-year-old man suffering from numerous stab wounds was found and taken to Haliburton Hospital, where he was treated and released. Police are not releasing his name.

When police discovered the second man walking on the road they arrested him and later charged him with attempted murder.

Meanwhile, officers at the scene of the stabbing discovered what they believe to be a clandestine drug lab. Two Controlled Drug and Substances Act search warrants were executed in relation to the production of methamphetamine.

A substantial amount of methamphetamine has also been recovered.

Police say clandestine labs are very volatile and toxic in nature and therefore need a structured police response to protect the officers, members of the public and the environment.

Assisting in the investigation are various OPP units, the Highlands East Fire Department, Haliburton County EMS, Health Canada chemists and the Ministry of the Environment.



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Crowning the queen of hearts

Wendy Vermeersch puts a ceremonial cape around the shoulders of "Samantha", a brand new member of the Haliburton Red Hat Society, at Saturday's Tournament of Hearts bonspiel at the Haliburton Curling Club. Samantha, who normally answers to the name Dick Duchemin, was one of the, ahem, models who entertained the women curlers. More photos page 15.

New rules frustrate quarry owners

JESSICA YOUNG

Staff Reporter

The sense of frustration was palpable Thursday afternoon when pit and quarry owners

met with Ministry of Natural Resources representative, Stuart Thatcher, a senior policy advisor who hosted a two-hour talk. He tried to clear up any confusion about the new regis-

tration process as well as provide useful information to the crowd.

During the session, owners

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Pinestone builds on its future

*Resort's new
owner embarks
on ambitious
expansion plan*

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

A popular landmark in the village of Haliburton is preparing to undergo some major renovations this spring, with the potential for even bigger changes on the horizon.

Under the direction of new owner and hotel mogul Darko Vranich, the Pinestone Resort will see a total of 54 new units added to its property this spring, along with an expanded banquet hall to accommodate large-scale functions. In addition to that, Vranich is also hoping to erect two condominium buildings on the property in 2008.

During last Monday's Dysart et al planning meeting, engineer Paul Wilson gave councillors their first look at plans for the upcoming expansion project, as well as some conceptual drawings of what the future condominiums might look like. The condos would be for permanent residents, not guests of the hotel.

Wilson said the first phase of the project – the expansion of the hotel itself – is actually broken into four smaller projects that will take place later this year. Those projects include the addition of another storey to the main building (creating 24 new hotel units), a "facelift" to the hotel's pro shop and its entranceway, a 50-foot, three-storey addition to the "800 building," which is on the backside of the 18th hole (creating another 30 new hotel units), and the construction of a 55-foot addition to the main build-

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Maple Leaf tickets, Ottawa Senator tickets, Toronto Raptor tickets, recreational equipment, jewelry, services and much more to be auctioned off."

Here is a sampling of some of the club's recent projects: international student exchange - \$3,600; Rotary International Foundation - \$5,200; support for local organizations - \$8,000; historic locomotive restoration - \$11,000; Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - \$40,000; student scholarships - \$4,000; polio eradication - \$7,000; Fleming College capital

campaign - \$10,000; and the recent Easter Seals Snowarama \$17,000.

This year's auction will be held at the Delta Pinestone Resort in the Grand Ball Room. Viewing and cocktails will be at 6 with dinner at 7 p.m.. A silent auction will be held throughout the evening, and the live auction with host Mike Jaycock will commence after dinner. Tickets for dinner and the auction are \$35 per person or for dessert and auction \$10 per person.

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Under-staffed Highlands East fire halls need volunteers

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

Highlands East is hoping to bolster manpower at two of its under-staffed fire halls, both of which were being considered for closure by the previous council.

The two halls are station 5, which service the Tory Hill area, and station 6, on Highway 28 in the Paudash area. Station 6 is said to have only three volunteers registered at this time, while station 5 has only two – a stark contrast to some of the municipality's larger halls.

Last summer, the previous council tabled a draft five-year plan in which it was suggested that the two halls be considered for closure, due in large part to under-staffing and outdated equipment. However, after talk of the closures sparked public outcry during last fall's election campaign, the newly-elected council decided to scrap the five-year plan and make efforts to keep the two halls open and active.

As a result, the municipality is now launching what Fire Chief Don Middleton calls a "full-blown recruitment drive" aimed at recruiting new men and women for the part-time fire department. Over the next two weekends, the municipality will host a pair of open house information sessions in which interested parties can ask questions of both current fire fighters and councillors alike.

The first information session is set to take place this Saturday, February 17, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Tory Hill fire station. The following Saturday, February 24, the second session will take place at the Highway 28 hall, also from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

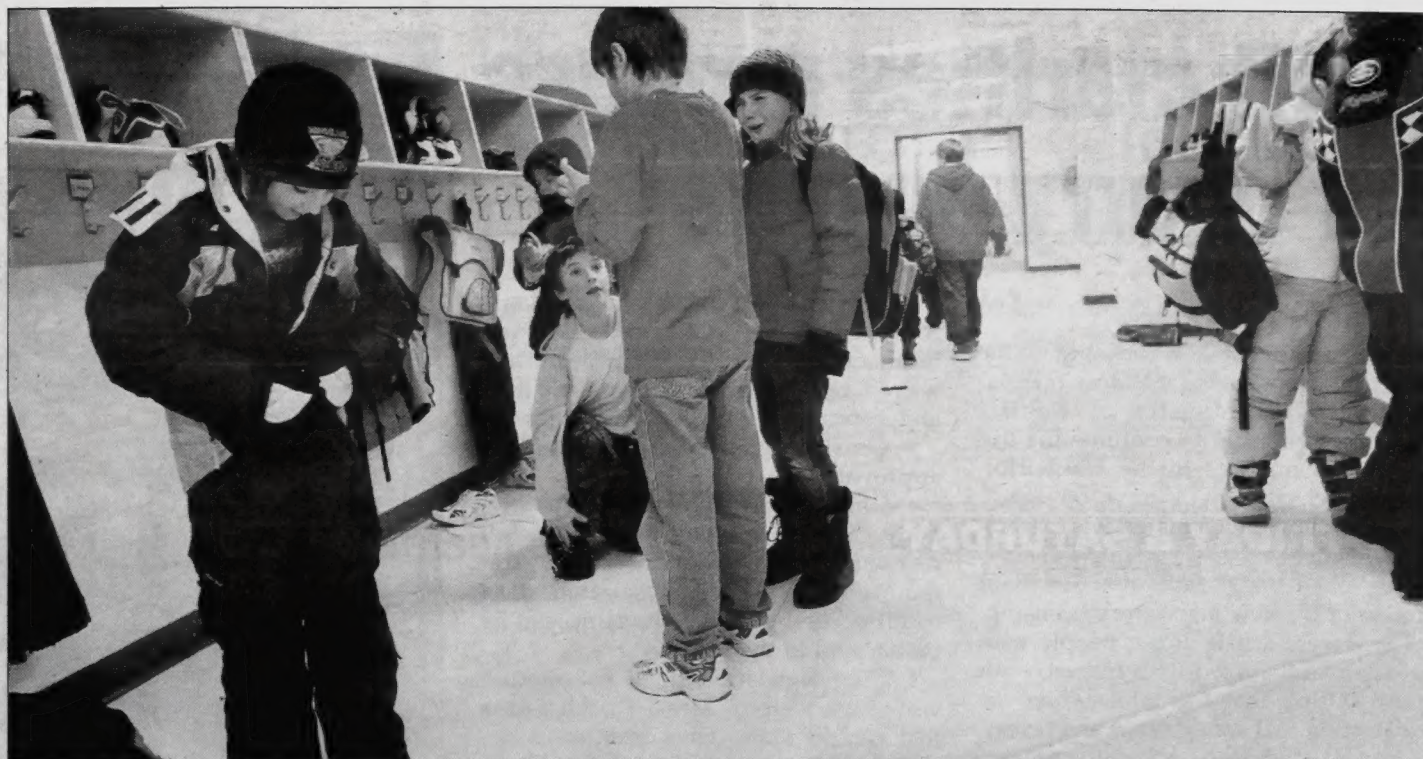
Middleton hopes that the open houses will draw a number of fresh recruits looking to volunteer. Right now, he estimates that the municipality has a force of roughly 60 firefighters but, ideally, he says he would like to see that number closer to 90.

"The whole idea with a volunteer department is that you can only count on one third of the department being available at any given time," he says, noting that many of the department's volunteers have full-time jobs or other commitments that prohibit them from being on call 24/7. "So really, with a part-time department, it's ideal if you can have roughly three times as many firefighters as you would with a full-time department."

Middleton says that over the past several years recruitment has been a constant struggle for the municipality, in part due to the aging population of Haliburton County. He also adds that a number of young adults will join upon finishing high school, but then are drawn away from the community and forced to relocate during their search for full-time employment.

Those interested in volunteering with the Highlands East fire department are encouraged to stop by one of the two information sessions for more information, or to call Chief Middleton at 448-2981.

All applicants must possess a valid driver's licence, be in good health, and obtain a criminal background check before joining the force.



CASEY LESSARD/ECHO

Sydney Cameron, a Grade 3 student at Stuart Baker Elementary School, zips up as she prepares to go home after school. Depending on the day, it may be the only time she needs to put her coat on at school because of a policy restricting students from going outside in temperatures below -15°C .

SBES keeps Jack Frost at bay

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

A recent cold snap across Haliburton County has led local schools to take extra measures to protect students from Jack Frost's wintry wrath.

Although the Trillium Lakelands District School Board has a policy that prohibits elementary students from going outside in temperatures below -20°C , teachers at Stuart Baker Elementary in Haliburton have gone beyond that guideline, enforcing an indoor recess policy any time the mercury drops below -15°C .

School Principal Micheline Roy says that last week's frigid temperatures meant the majority of recess and lunch breaks were spent indoors, due to the potential risk of frost bite on exposed skin.

"I think it's really important for parents to know that, if there's a safety issue, we keep the children inside," says Roy. "But parents need to be aware also. Their children need to be well dressed for the winter, with mitts, boots, snow pants, and a

toque that covers part of the face."

In a typical day at SBES, students are given a 15-minute recess in the morning and a 40-minute lunch break, and Roy says that whenever possible the teachers strive to let their students play outside. If the temperature is cold, but still warmer than the -15°C policy, Roy says the school may split the lunch hour down the middle, allowing students to play indoors for half the time and outdoors for the other half.

"We want the kids to play outside as much as possible; it's important for kids to play outside," she says. "We even have crazy carpets for them and winter activities for them, but when it becomes a health factor then we have to keep them in."

Roy says the school has an "indoor recess schedule" for extremely cold days, which usually involves group activities or a movie to keep the students stimulated. However, she also says that it doesn't take long before the students themselves get a little stir crazy.

"Lately some of the kids have been ask-

ing us if they can play outside. They want to go outside, they want the fresh air," she says.

On days when the temperature is cold, but still within safe limits, parents are asked to send their children to school with proper winter attire and, if possible, a dry set of clothing. The school does have some extra mitts and toques available for students, as well as a dryer that is used to dry wet socks and mittens when necessary.

Even with the school's extra precautions in place, Roy urges all parents to ensure that their children are properly protected from the elements before they leave the house in the morning.

"As far as frost bite, it could happen at any time. It could happen while they are outside waiting for the bus, especially in the morning when the wind is really cold."

This past week temperatures were so cold in the morning that the school was ushering students straight into the school as their buses arrived at 8:30, opting not to take any chances.

Art Dawson hopes to top fundraising list

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Last year, Art Dawson cracked the list of top six fundraisers for the various Snowaramas for Easter Seals.

This year, with the help of a \$5,000 donation from the ING Insurance Company of Canada, the Haliburton insurance broker hopes to top the list.

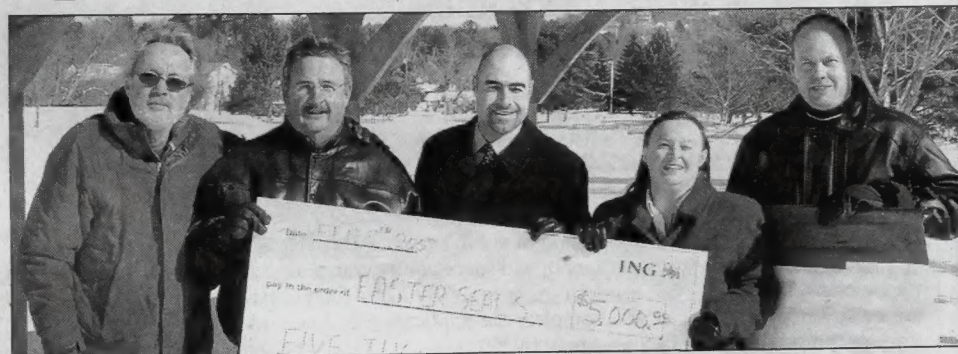
By reminding everyone he met that he was raising money for the organization that helps children with physical disabilities, "Snowarama Art" was able to garner \$9,025 in pledges for last month's event at Haliburton Forest.

"He did a great job and put a lot of work into the event," says fellow Haliburton Rotarian David Zilstra, who co-ordinated the Haliburton Snowarama on the club's behalf.

The final numbers for the province have not yet been tabulated. Last year's top pledge-earner was Barry Thur. His total, for multiple events, was \$9,470. Dawson was sixth with \$3,600.

Helping him break the \$9,000 barrier for 2007 was Danny DaCosta, the new regional branch manager for ING Insurance's Durham region.

All of the money earned by the Haliburton Snowarama stays in Haliburton County, which makes it an



With a \$5,000 boost from ING Insurance, Haliburton Rotarian Art Dawson is hoping to be the top fundraiser for Snowarama for Easter Seals this year. From left are Haliburton Rotary president Robert DenBoer, Art Dawson, Danny DaCosta of ING, Easter Seals fundraising co-ordinator Margaret Manetta and Snowarama organizer David Zilstra.

easy event for people to support, Dawson says. He keeps a contact list of all of his previous donors and starts contacting them at the end of the year for pledges.

There were not as many riders in this year's event, lowering the amount raised. With no snow in early January, many Rotarians feel that avid snowmobilers were cautious about committing to the event, which is always held in late January. The traditional top pledge earner, cottager Randy Grant, did not participate. And while many Rotarians volunteered for the event, Dawson was the only one to enjoy the ride along Haliburton Forest's wooded trails.

The \$17,025 that was raised will be

very much appreciated by local families who need financial help to pay for such things as motorized wheelchairs and leg braces.

"Everything we do is for the kids," says Margaret Manetta, Easter Seals' fundraising co-ordinator for Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes and Peterborough.

The Haliburton Rotary Club appreciates the community's ongoing support for this event. From people who make pledges, to the riders and Haliburton Forest, which also supplies the gas, and Thermo Shell Minden that provides a tank of gas for each rider, everyone's efforts contribute to the goal of making a difference in children's lives.

MNR clarifies process for quarry owners

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were given information packages on the registration process that is now mandatory with the Ministry of Natural Resources. In order to continue the use of pit and quarries in the Haliburton County, charges will now be made regarding how much material is extracted by owners.

"It's confusing," said attendee Paul Hebert of the new mandatory licensing.

There were a half dozen people who spoke up and agreed with Hebert, with many stating that the information for registration that was given wasn't clear.

Over 80 attendees packed the legion, and many questions were asked about the new regulations and what was needed in order to successfully attain a license.

Thatcher clarified a lot of the confusion that occurred when the registration process was first introduced early January. Here are some of Thatcher's suggestions and information given during the public meeting:

- The registration process does not require a legal survey for the initial submission of your site registration

- Requirements state that the entire site must be fenced, however, exemptions are made for swamps, lakes and hills.

"There are 25 operational standards regarding fences, gates, setbacks, and hours of operation. They can be buried, waved, rescinded and put on a site plan and approved by the local inspector."

- Crushers require a certificate of approval

- A licence can be transferred to anybody. The new owner takes on full responsibility of the operations and requirements of the legislation. If a death occurs, license ownership can be transferred in the will.

- "The legislation does not require you to use weigh scales." Thatcher says that weight scales have been an issue. He clarified that from the legislative perspective, weight scales are not required, but each municipality rules is different.

Thatcher emphasized that once the initial application is received, it will take roughly three months before an owner will receive a letter.

If an owner has multiple pits and quarries, registration will not be expected for each pit and quarry at the same time. Thatcher says that those who own more than one site should contact his or her local inspector.

"There are four things you have to remember: the application, a sketch of your pit or quarry, a cheque and a confirmation of zoning (legal non-conform-



Paul Hebert gets up from his seat and makes his way to Ministry of Natural Resources representative Stuart Thatcher, asking him to clarify the new pits and quarries registration process that was newly implemented this year.

ing use)."

Thatcher also mentioned that articles of incorporation are needed for individuals who have companies so that the government is aware of whether or not a pit or quarry is part of a legal entity.

He knows the process can be daunting but warns that if owners aren't proactive in applying they'll pay the price.

"The application fee will go up to \$1,000 for a class A and \$500 for a class B licence after June 30th."

If an owner registers before June 30, a

class A licence costs \$400, and a class B will cost \$200.

After the meeting, a few people spoke of how the new licensing was a hit to the county.

"We don't have huge pits and quarries, the licensing is another way for the government to get our money. We can't afford this," said an anonymous attendee.

Another information session is scheduled for a later date on how to fill out the application form.

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Wilberforce gets its first fire hydrant

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

Cold or not, the work continues.

Last week members of the Highlands East property and environmental department, along with the fire department, tested the first fire hydrant in Wilberforce. This hydrant has been installed on the decommissioned well that serviced parts of Wilberforce for years.

"The hydrant is kind of special," says Fire Chief Don Middleton. "It has been installed on the artesian well that operated in Wilberforce for years."

With the startup of the new water sys-

tem in Wilberforce, the well was no longer needed to supply drinking water for the community.

Since the well always produced lots of flow year-round, and since this well is always under natural pressure, the municipality felt it could be used as a good source for fire protection.

With the installation of this new hydrant, and with certified testing being completed later in the month by fire underwriters, some residents living close to the hydrant may see an improvement to their insurance rates for fire coverage.

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This initiative is part of a program by the Echo to provide more local information online.

The future and past of lake trout project celebrated at one-day workshop

STEVE GALEA

Special to The Echo

If you're interested in the future of lake trout management in the county, circle February 24 on your calendar. That's when the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association will host a public meeting discussing the history of the Haliburton Lake Trout Project and where it's going from here.

"It's a celebration of 10 years of success in lake trout management," says Ministry of Natural Resources biologist David Flowers.

The meeting, to be held at the Legion in Haliburton, starts at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m.. Admission is free and lunch will be provided. A silent auction and door prizes will also be part of the proceedings. Flowers hopes to welcome 120 participants.

Among the topics presented are the history of the association as well as the

Haliburton Gold project, research findings from Esson, Miskwabi, Farquhar, and Grace lakes, proposed regulatory changes in 2007 and 2009, and the importance and uniqueness of Haliburton's lake trout resource.

Speakers include MNR senior research scientist Dr. David Evans, Minden area MNR biologist Gerry Moraal, and MNR research scientist Dr. Chris Wilson along with representatives of the HHOA and Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

Group discussions will ask for input on where lake trout should

be stocked and why the project is so important to Haliburton.

Flowers says, "If you want information on the project and want a say on lake trout management in the future, you need to come to this session."

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"If you want a say on lake trout management in the future you need to come to this session"

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The discovery of a clandestine methamphetamine lab in the Highlands is very scary news. Crystal meth, as it's known, can be made from readily-accessible materials (it's why several cold products are now kept behind the pharmacy counter), is cheap to buy and is highly, highly addictive. People have been known to use it only once and become instantly hooked.

Campaigning against crystal meth isn't the same thing as taking a hard stand against marihuana. While marihuana can be addictive, and lead to other addictions, it can also be fairly innocuous. There's nothing innocent about crystal meth. It has the power to destroy lives and its use in the Highlands must be fought with all the tools at our disposal.

The two men involved in Monday's stabbing at a house that police believe is being used for the production of crystal meth are not from the Highlands. Nor does the house belong to them. The very thought that people might rent a house on a

quiet street in the Highlands to avoid scrutiny is also very scary. It makes us more vulnerable to the problems we associate more with urban areas; it takes away our sense of security that we live in a small town where these things don't happen.

Reality is that drugs are sometimes more prevalent in small towns because, the theory goes, there are fewer things to do for entertainment. People use them to stave off boredom or add a kick to a Saturday night. Parents and residents are naïve if they think that we don't have easy accessibility to drugs in the Highlands. They're here – and now it's possible that crystal meth is being added to the list.

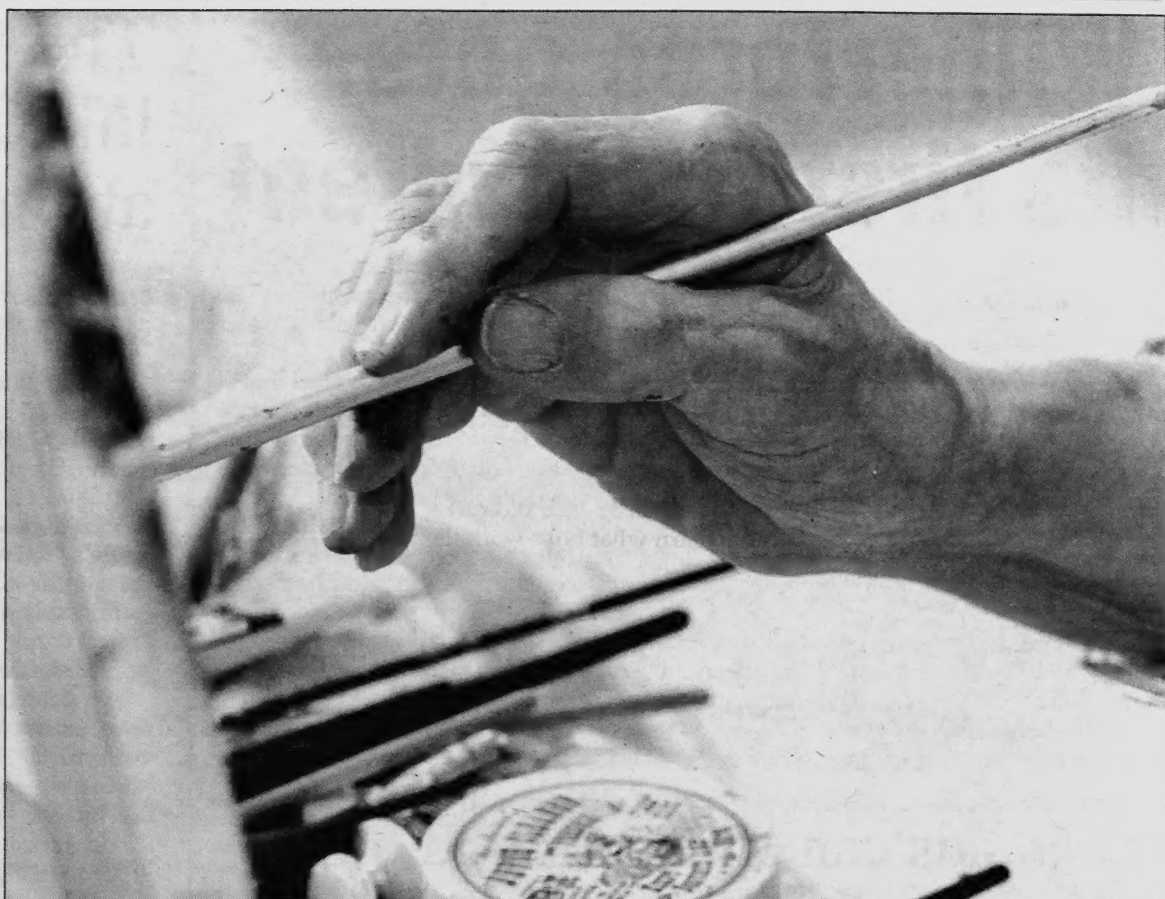
Last year the *Echo* contacted the Haliburton Highlands OPP about doing a story on the dangers of the drug. We were told that it hadn't really made its presence known in the Highlands and therefore wasn't much of an issue for police. The fact that it's now being made here doesn't mean that it's being used here but it makes the likelihood far stronger.

The discovery of a clandestine lab in Gooderham has brought various OPP units to the Highlands to investigate this one incident. These labs must be eradicated, and it's reassuring the response has been so swift. We need to have an equally swift response by the community to let everyone know that crystal meth isn't welcome here.

Pinestone regeneration

The Pinestone has had a long history in Haliburton, not all of it positive. The resort's history also hasn't been lucrative.

Its new owner hopes that by adding more rooms the resort will be better positioned to compete for corporate and convention business. Oddly enough, he's probably right. As it is, the Pinestone is too big to be seen as a romantic getaway destination and too small to hold many groups. When the county hosted a regional conference of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario last fall, some of the guests had to be accommodated at the nearby Wigamog Resort, which wasn't ideal. Part of the motivation behind attending a conference is the opportunity to meet and socialize with people of similar interests. You can't do that if you're spread across the county.



Painting by brushstroke

Photo by CASEY LESSARD/ECHO

Field of dreams

THE OTHER DAY I was researching guided caribou hunts. It's not something that I plan on doing in the immediate future but I figured it would be nice to have a refuge in the desolate regions of northern Quebec, just in case someone invites my wife and I to another one of those Jack and Jill Tupperware parties.

Fortunately, the outfitter is a friend of mine and so he gave me a range of options to choose from. For around \$6,000, he said I would just have to drive to the Montreal airport, meet my personal guide, get on a company plane, hunt world-class caribou under his direct supervision, and pose for many trophy photos as he and his staff expertly process and drag out the two animals that the licence allows each hunter.

Apparently, for this money, everything is done for you. Gourmet meals are served, nice accommodations are provided, you get to fish for your choice of trophy brook trout or Arctic Char, hunt for ptarmigan, and they'll fire three shots in the air if a Tupperware party breaks out within 100 miles.

Unfortunately, I'm a writer, so that option was a little too rich for my blood. And by too rich for my blood I mean that if I spent \$6,000 on a caribou hunt, my wife would demand the equivalent dollar value of my blood.

I told my buddy this much too, and then asked what I could get for about \$200, which is what I should have in my Emergency Hunting Trip Fund by 2018 if my lemonade stand profits of last summer are any indication.

Normally, he couldn't do much for that paltry sum but, as I said, he's a friend of

mine so he said he would, as a personal favour to me, throw a dart at the map of northern Quebec and then provide me with the GPS coordinates, a box of matches, and three Snickers bars.

He calls it a do-it-yourself trip and says that the odds of getting caribou are great, provided the dart lands on just the right spot and wandering polar bears don't mistake you for a seal.

He then cautioned that it might not be the most comfortable trip in the world considering the cold and desolate landscape, relentless biting insects, and unpredictable weather. In fact, he says that the last 14 hunters that booked that option

have not reported back yet — and since they left in 1979, he's starting to get worried.

He suggested that I should hold my own Tupperware party, make the \$6,000, and treat myself to the all-inclusive hunt. He says that it would be the trip of a lifetime and well worth a little blood loss.

Just as we were discussing these options, however, my wife walked in and announced that all of her friends were planning a soiree on the opening day of hunting season this year. Apparently, this means we will get to watch "Terms of Endearment" — the Director's Cut" at her friend's place. Before that, each couple will prepare gourmet, non-male meals like strawberry flan, spinach salad, and quiche. We'll also get to sample wines from the Niagara region, dress formally, watch the movie, and then, after drying our eyes, tell each other, without holding back, how it made each of us feel. As if that isn't enough, afterwards, we will be forced to participate in a Jack and Jill Tupperware party.

I just booked the \$200 option.

the not so great



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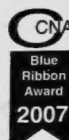
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Being in love

BUT THAT'S VALENTINE'S DAY," exclaimed the 13-year old girl in outrage. Her aunt Harriet looked at the portable phone like one would look at a favourite fruit found to have a fuzzy green spot. Surprise. Maybe even disbelief. Just when you are ready for a pleasant experience, it turns bad. Or at least blemished.

Harriet had suggested a trip out of town, a day off school to visit the nation's capital and all that could be squeezed in an overnight visit. Little did she realize that nothing could take the place of being at home that special day when 13-year old girls might learn what boys want them as Valentine's. All else paled in comparison.



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After stammering out an acknowledgement that yes of course they could make the trip the following week, Harriet hung up the phone and immediately made a note on her fridge door to buy her niece a Valentine card, thereby guaranteeing a minimum of one heart-strewn card. Ah, the hopes of young minds preoccupied with other young minds of the romantic persuasion.

To Harriet, it all seemed a long time ago. Now in her early sixties, Harriet had lived by herself for close to 20 years and savoured most of it. But it was surprisingly easy to recall the flutter in her chest she had felt when Richard Leister walked by her in the school yard at recess. Richard had been the heart throb of Grade 7 and 8 girls, a fact in which he must have revelled those many years ago.

Richard and Harriet had even 'gone out' for all of five weeks in Grade 7. Never mind that the 'out' was often the walk between home and school. There had been two house parties as well; rec room affairs that had involved a lot of pop and chips, dancing in socked feet and games of spin the bottle. In those days, Harriet and her friends were so shy that the couple went into a closet for their hurried, fumbled kiss.

All the girls had wanted to play spin the bottle with Richard. Slim built with clear, fair skin, blue eyes and dark hair he seemed to not be plagued by the pimples and awkward pudginess suffered by many of his male peers. Sublimely confident, he was crowded by other boys hoping to learn his secret or maybe pick up his castoffs. Totally uninterested were those few fellows who had not yet entered puberty and still thought of girls as silly creatures unable to do anything of value, like wrestling, running or climbing trees. Ironically, these very boys often married women who could do all three and perhaps even better than they.

Years later, Harriet could only shake her head ruefully at her own behaviour. She had followed Richard around like a little puppy, grateful for any acknowledgement and slavishly devoted to her appearance in the hope that would heighten his interest. Indeed school lunch hours and recess saw her torn between checking out her reflection in the washroom mirror and checking out her competition in the school yard. For that was back in the days when females were encouraged by society to see each other as competitors for the male prize, a prize that could mean status and financial security. Or so the belief went.

Harriet snorted at the thought as she bundled up to bring in a few armloads of firewood. Many women now saw that for what it truly was; namely a way to control them and elevate men. The women Harriet called friends were too smart for that type of dinosaur thinking and most of them were married.

But not Harriet. She had left the married state many years before and had never had a regret. True she had at least once been 'in love', a state of mind she now remembered applying more to Richard than to her eventual husband. Being 'in love' had been that first stirring from within, that enormous and pre-occupying quickening of the heart. For Harriet, it had been an irrational time when she had felt giddy and strangely disconnected to her real life. She had no desire to return to it.

Still, it might be fun to see if she was even capable of those feelings. Unfortunately she had not come across any likely candidates for ages. The men she saw around her were either physically unattractive or had the personalities of unbuttered toast. That last image awakened thoughts of hunger and so Harriet quickly fixed herself a bowl of soup and toast, with butter, before heading out. She wanted to buy her niece a Valentine's card without delay for fear she wouldn't get around to doing so.

As she stood at the drug store's card display, trying to choose something with the right mix of sentiment and fun, she was almost knocked over by a man trying to carry too many items to the checkout. He had dropped a Valentine card for a granddaughter and Harriet scooped it up before it could be stepped on. Sticking it back into his hodgepodge of other items, she noted his pleasant voice and the crinkle smile lines around his eyes. When she took her selection to the cashier, he was ahead of her and she couldn't help but notice he wore no wedding ring. Not that that meant anything. She found herself wondering if he was new to town or just passing through.



pic of the past

HERE'S ANOTHER PHOTO celebrating the Highlands' railroading past. It's from the late Taylor Wilkins' book *Haliburton by Rail* and shows a train going by Ritchie Falls near Donald in the 1920s. Don't forget that this Sunday you're invited to Critters & Trestles which honours the role that rail trails played in our past and their importance to us today. It's on Sunday, February 18 from 5 to 9 p.m. at YMCA Camp Wanakita.

letters to the editor

Plant's water use 'unacceptable'

Dear Editor,

I attended the open house at the Bark Lake Quarry last summer. I specifically asked about water use. The answer was that it would be minimal and there was no chance of any effect on the ground water.

Now we find an application to use a million gallons a day! This is unacceptable. How did the company get approval for the quarry operation in the first place?

This company misleads residents regarding the "portable" nature of the plant, and now about the water use. It has somehow turned around the vote of Reeve David Burton, who sat at my kitchen table and convinced me to influence the votes of the Stormy Lake ratepayers association members.

Can we believe anything that this company or the ministries say, or our own council? What other surprises are coming? This is not the kind of corporate citizen we want operating anywhere, let alone in an environmentally sensitive area.

Not only should this company be denied this asphalt plant, its Bark Lake aggregate operation should be closed down. Nearby residents deserve better.

If this plant is approved we will take it to the Ontario Municipal Board. It won't be the first time that politicians with questionable motives have had their non-conforming decisions reversed, at their expense. Ask Hazel.

Bruce Douglas,
Stormy Lake

TSW coalition also opposes water application

To the Editor:

The Coalition for Equitable Water Flow-Haliburton Sector, TSW represents nearly all 44 reservoir lakes and several flow through lakes that are the source of water for the Trent-Severn Waterway.

The proposed asphalt plant at Bark Lake is within the Burnt River watershed of the Haliburton Sector of the TSW.

The coalition adamantly opposes the issuance of a permit to take 5,400,000 litres/daily of water for the production of asphalt at this ecologically and environmentally sensitive location. The fact that the quarry and the proposed asphalt plant is on Crown Land exacerbates such a plan in addition to setting a precedence for future applications.

Our politicians at every level should "take the high road" on this issue and deny the application to build any asphalt plant (permanent or temporary) at this site. Some of our local elected representatives may even have to "eat crow" as well!

We further question why the province has the authority to issue such a permit when it is generally understood that jurisdiction over water sources within the Trent-Severn watersheds lies with the federal Ministry of the Environment.

Parks Canada is presently undergoing a water

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Boonieville

by Charlie Teljeur



Pinestone to get more rooms, new condos

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ing's conference area (resulting in the expansion of both the conference room and lobby).

The goal of the initial renovations this spring, said Wilson, is almost entirely to boost Pinestone's capacity, allowing the resort to accommodate larger groups of guests. However, at least one councillor had mild concerns that Vranich might be getting in over his head, due to the seasonal nature of Haliburton County's economy.

"Have they done studies to confirm that they could draw in more conferences and functions...because some people have been barely able to keep Pinestone's doors open in the winter," asked Councillor Andrea Roberts.

"Apparently there is sort of a 'break-even level' in the hotel business where you have to be able to facilitate 300 in a banquet hall," said Wilson. "Right now Pinestone can only accommodate 200, so the additions are to get them up to that next level."

"[Vranich] says that Pinestone misses a lot of business because they can't accommodate a group of a certain size. Right now they can take only smaller-sized groups."

Phases two and three of the expansion



Phase one includes adding a second storey above existing ballroom, which will also be able to cater to more guests.

project include what Wilson described to council as "some rather aggressive plans to build condominiums around the lake." Since those projects aren't planned to take place until 2008, nothing is certain but a conceptual site plan provided to council illustrated one 27-unit and one 36-unit condominium complex, both side by side and within view of the 17th and 18th fairways.

Wilson then asked that council give permission for Pinestone to go ahead with the hotel and conference room expansion this spring, while also waiving the need for an official site plan.

"We want to avoid having to do the site plan agreement now, because we'd do all these studies to accommodate what, in

[Vranich's] mind is minor expansion - and then we'd have to do them all over again next year for the condominiums," said Wilson.

Council granted Wilson's request, allowing the resort to proceed with the first four projects this spring, while also allowing them to begin work on the numerous studies that will need to be completed before the municipality can even consider approving the construction of condos.

"We know that there is some very extensive work that needs to be done," Wilson said. "We need a storm water management plan, we need a site servicing plan to deal with sewers, water, Hydro and Bell; we need a site grading

plan, a hydro-geological plan...and on it goes."

Upon completion of the above-mentioned studies, Pinestone will submit to the municipality a detailed site plan that encompasses all of the expansion phases, including both the proposed condo buildings and the hotel additions.

On the whole, council seemed very supportive of Pinestone and its future ambitions to expand and grow. In particular, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey expressed his excitement to see the rejuvenation of one of the county's most popular tourist destinations.

"It's been a long time since anybody put any capital into Pinestone, so I think

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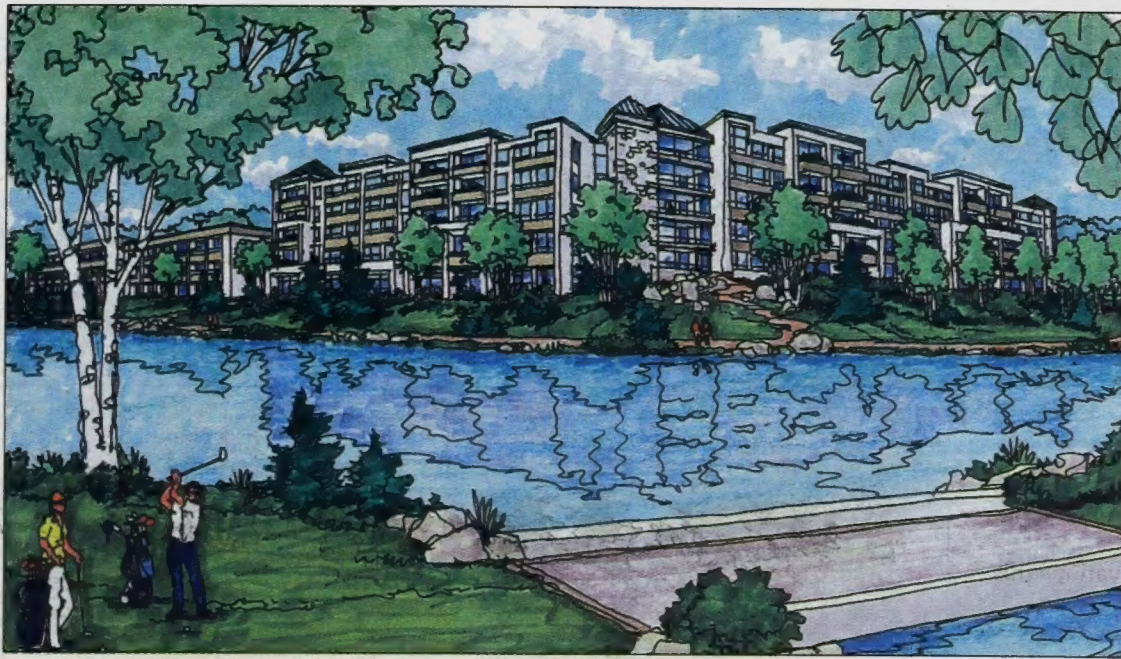
Dysart okays addition

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it's great," Fearrey said.

Of course, council also made Wilson aware of certain concerns that need to be taken into account throughout the expansion process, particularly when it comes to sewage disposal.

Wilson said that sewage shouldn't be of any concern during phase one of the project – aside from the need for a larger tank which will be installed this spring. For the condominium phases of the project, however, council advised that Pinestone consult and work alongside the ASI Group who manage the municipality's sewage system, to ensure that all requirements are met and all parties are satisfied.



Dysart council is still a long way from granting approval for the second phase of the project, which includes building condos overlooking the existing 18-hole golf course. Artist's concept drawings were provided by Pinestone Resort.



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Council shows disrespect to ratepayers

To the Editor:

I was one of the people who originally brought a motion to Highlands East council, asking for a bylaw to disallow ALL asphalt plants (portable or permanent), other than temporary ones needed to do an immediate job (leaving when finished), particularly at the Bark Lake site. At the time council would only allow a resolution.

I've always maintained that we seem to be losing the basis to which this country was founded on and all that we believe in as a nation, particularly honesty and integrity, as well as the right to uphold our state of democracy. Keeping this in mind, what I saw at the recent Highlands East council meeting appears nothing more than some Nazi meeting, and made me feel physically sick to my stomach. You will sit and remain seated. You will not talk. You will be removed. (I was glad no one caught me breathing...whew!) I was thrilled the veil of silence was momentarily and yet strangely lifted to allow only George Simmons to speak. Was I chopped liver? I was sitting up straight with my hand in the air, only to have the words NO mouthed to me with a shake of the head.

This is the third council I have gone through this with. What happened to respecting me as a relevant and concerned citizen with detailed knowledge? Over

1,400 people signed a petition against, 150 for. With no obvious benefit of an asphalt plant to Highlands East, why would anyone do a complete about-face in such a great hurry about such a longstanding and sensitive subject? I hope that meeting wasn't an ad in the making for "democracy in action at the local level."

In 2002, Councillor Gary Stoughton publicly stated that he would have to vote as the people wanted when it came to the asphalt debate.

When the recent candidates' debate was held in Wilberforce, my husband and I went with our oldest son. On the way in we met with reeve candidate Dave Burton. He practically begged me not to bring up asphalt, as there was a lot on the agenda. I took a deep breath, got a little panicky, but then he looked me in the eye, and said, "Don't worry about it Nora. It's not going to happen." I was further reassured when he took my hand, in both of his, and shook it. I felt at ease, and the rest of the night went on without an asphalt peep.

Now this may be a "boys club" type industry but make no mistake about this female. What I do know, in any type of business, is that when someone shakes your hand, the deal is sealed. You are guaranteeing your honour and your word.

I tried to call Mr. Burton before the council meeting to let him know not to do anything hasty, and I had lots of documenta-

tion, statistics, letters, pictures etc., if council would like to go over them or ask questions. That was on January 22. Ten messages were left on a daily basis until I called quits at midnight of February 1. On February 2, Mr. Burton finally returned my call, 12 days later.

Why bring this up? Mr. Burton also campaigned on an accountability platform. I still have his brochure. To mislead, misrepresent, or deceive as many of constituents as he did regarding asphalt is irreprehensible. If Mr. Burton had changed his mind, after the election, he morally owed those people an explanation before acting on those changes. He should have called a public meeting, and stated he had misgivings (or whatever he might call it) and then try to keep an open mind, allowing the public to have a say and present their case.

To all the "No Asphalt" supporters whom I gave voting advice when asked about Mr. Burton, please accept my profound apologies. I had at no time any idea that he was going to do this. Unfortunately at present there is only a federal accountability act, none for provincial or municipal. If we did have one, I personally would be submitting a request for an investigation. I think Mr. Burton, in all good conscious, should resign, effective immediately.

Nora Pasley

No Asphalt Plant In Irondale

Province should listen to residents

The following letter was first sent to a Mr. Taylor of the Ministry of Environment.

Mr. Taylor,

It is of grave concern that we've been made aware of the proposal for an asphalt plant [ebr 1A06E1429] on a site near Bark Lake. This area is both environmentally sensitive and a vital area for tourism and recreation.

The idea of approval of an asphalt plant in this location is contrary not only to the wishes of the local residents, but also represents a serious environmental threat for the area.

The plant proposes to drain local wetlands of millions of litres of water for its use. This type of reckless use of the environment will further jeopardize very low lake and water levels in this area [currently the area is under study as to water usage in connection with studies of the Trent-Severn Waterway system], with adverse effects on local wildlife and will also be a detriment to the tourism dollars this area relies on so heavily.

I am asking that you stop approvals for this application.

I look forward to your reply.

Gord and Sheila Petrie
Irondale

Ratepayers should have their vote

To the Editor:

After reading the *Haliburton County Echo* of Jan.30, I have to say that we are also very angry with the newly-appointed council. How dare councillors vote for something that the taxpayers have repeatedly been against!

Councillors who promised their support [in the fight against the proposal] and then voted for it should do the right thing - resign! Why can't council make another amendment, this time asking for OUR votes! Remember, we are the taxpayers!

I find it extremely appropriate that in

this very same issue, there is an article on page 2 reporting of the warnings of Dr. Christopher Rees. He states that we have the responsibility to protect our natural resources, or face dire consequences. How, then, can council approve this asphalt plant? What will the effects be on our environment? This is on Crown land! If, as we all suspect, it causes negative effects on our environment, therefore causing a decrease in the value of our properties, will this same council be willing to "make up the difference"? If our property values go down, who do we contact to recoup our losses? Perhaps Highlands East, or

Beamish Construction. These are VERY real questions.

We have been planning for many years to retire up to our 'home' in Gooderham, to allow for a better quality of life. Now, how can we follow our dreams, knowing that we will no longer breathe the clean, wonderful air we have come to know and love?

We urge the council to amend its recent approval. Do it now, before it's too late! Take heed in what your constituents want and need.

Barry and Christine Kaye
Trooper Lake

Don't issue permit

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management study for the Trent-Severn Waterway. No permits to take water should be issued until this study is complete if there is ever to be resolution of the low water levels currently being experienced.

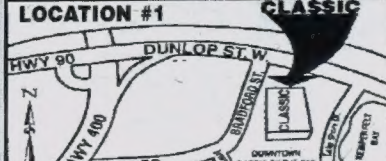
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'Let's come up with something better for our area than more sources of pollution'

To the Editor:

As a relatively new resident of Irondale (six years) allow me to weigh in on proposed asphalt plant. First of all let me tell you why I moved here. My youngest daughter has had breathing issues since she was born. Pollution is the likely cause as we lived in downtown Toronto. Since moving here she has done much better as have we all. There is also nothing like the welcome we received from the people we met. The people here always made us feel welcome even though we weren't "born" here.

When we attended the quarry site for the open house last summer we asked quite simply, "Is this going to create jobs for Irondale residents?" We were told that "aside from possible local trucking" the answer was no. We asked, "What about the operation of the plant itself?" We were told "We would have someone come in and run it from another site, possibly three to four people total to run the plant."

As far as I can tell the possible environmental issues far outweigh any financial benefits to the community (of which there are practically none.) This is Crown land so there is no local tax benefit (no property tax to the community).

There was a letter from one person who asked why we, as a community, (of

which I am proud to be a member of) was so against progress? I can't speak for everyone but I can say that I am for progress, but smart progress. The basic question is: Does this plant have any benefit other than lining a few people's pockets? The poor people of this community will not benefit from this plant being there. They will benefit if we have some sort of programs that will give them access to training to upgrade their skills.

I think that our councilors should be focusing on what we can do to upgrade the skills of the existing residents, not re-opening an already over-done debate on whether we want an asphalt plant when the answer from the local residents is a resounding NO.

So I ask the people who are for the plant, Why do you want it? I would welcome anyone with a reason why the asphalt plant would benefit the community to contact me as I consider myself open to all arguments. Until then, count me and my family against the plant. This plant does not speak "progress" to me. Progress isn't always defined as "industry".

Let's come up with something better for our area than sources of pollution. Isn't this what we were trying to escape in the first place?

Peter Gautreau
Irondale

Six simple questions

To the Editor,

Dave Burton you lied when you said you would listen to the people. I have written to you twice since you took office, and you haven't responded either time. I asked you six questions about the asphalt plant:

- 1) How many people will be employed?
- 2) How many of those will be local?
- 3) What's the estimated truck traffic associated with the plant?
- 4) What are the noise and emissions levels — based on studies, i.e. real information, not opinion.
- 5) How many community residents support it, and how many do not?
- 6) And the same for Highlands East residents.

You didn't answer me, and shockingly you didn't ask those questions yourself

as the Reeve.

But even worse you ignored the voice of the people in Irondale. I have learned from experience that if people in Highlands East speak out in strong numbers, and you can not convince them of your way on the issue, it's usually because they are right.

You did not even consider them, you instructed them to be silent. Shame on you Dave. And shame on Jim and Gary too. All three of you ignored a community asking you to hear them.

The people of Irondale were shafted by the fiasco of a deaf council. I urge everyone to get in touch with Nora Pasley (no_asphalt_plant_in_irondale@yahoo.com) and write a letter protesting this decision. I am writing mine now.

Janis Cole
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A little student wins big honour

Kai Shin Karate names Liam McKinnon as its Student of the Year

Recently the north branch of Kai-Shin Karate held a formal grading.

In its style of Karate, "chito-ryu" there are six levels of KYU belts. The first belt you wear is a white belt 6th KYU. Then you go on to yellow 5th KYU, orange 4th KYU, Green 3rd KYU, blue 2nd KYU, and finally, Brown belt 1st KYU. Formal gradings are held only twice a year at the Dojo club in Haliburton. Eight high-ranking black belts and one senior brown belt made up the grading board.

Twenty-four KarateKa students, close to half of the Dojo, were allowed to test.

Promotion is based on the following:

Attitude and character inside and outside the Dojo.

2. Courtesy, sincerity, effort, self-control.

3. Respect for higher and lower grade students.

4. Contribution to the Dojo (cleaning, organizing, teaching, participating in club functions and demonstrations).

5. Performance and knowledge of KYU belt requirements.

6. Spirit of training (intensity of training, sacrifices made)

7. Attendance.

Each year, a name is placed on a plaque which hangs on our Dojo wall. The student also receives a plaque which reads: Student of the Year. This year Liam McKinnon's name will be on the plaque in appreciation for his dedication to Karate and his time and effort spent for our club.

Kai-Shin Karate doesn't know what Liam's middle name is, but Sensei Michael Chapman says he wouldn't be surprised if it was "effort".

"There is nothing this seven year-old little man can't do once he sets his mind to it. Congratulations Liam," says Chapman, a 5th Degree Go-Dan at Kai-Shin Dojo.

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Sensei Michael Chapman presents the Student of the Year plaque to Liam McKinnon of the Kai Shin Karate Club in Haliburton.

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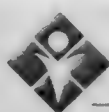
The successful applicant must have and be able to demonstrate:

- A good understanding of Water and Waste Water and Environmental functions within the Municipality and must have a minimum Level 2 Certification in Water Supply and Wastewater Distribution Operations. Additional certification will be considered an asset.
- The ability to interpret Environmental Studies and Water and Waste Water Assessments.
- A good understanding of and the ability to interpret policies, regulations, legislation and guidelines relating to all functions.
- Excellent supervisory skills and be competent in the interpretation and application of employment policies, including the ability to administer and interpret collective agreements.
- Strong communication and inter-personal skills as they deal with a wide variety of individuals and groups on a regular basis.
- Excellent planning/time management and organizational skills.

The position requires a minimum of five years experience in a similar progressively responsible related position. Compensation of the position will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. A comprehensive benefit package will be available.

Qualified candidates are invited to submit a resume in confidence, clearly marked "Environmental and Property Operations Manager", by 12:00 noon on Friday, March 9th, 2007, to Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. Attention: Mr. G.M. Morrison, e-mail: gerrymorrison@county.haliburton.on.ca. Telephone: (705) 286-1260 ext 213. Fax: (705) 286-4917. www.minden.on.ca

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Business and Community Achievement Awards

Awards to be presented on March 31, 2007 at a Gala Dinner held at Delta Pinestone in Haliburton.

Business Achievement Awards

Small Business of the Year (1-25 Employees) **

The award is for profit centered businesses which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more and have 1 to 25 employees. Please review the list of criteria for key factors to be used to measure the accomplishments of the nominees for the Small Business of the Year Award. Note that these criteria are for reference only and should apply during 2006.

** Must be a member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce

Large Business of the Year (26+ Employees) **

This award is for profit centered businesses which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or more and have 26 employees or more. Please review the list of criteria for key factors to be used to measure the accomplishments of the nominees for the Large Business of the Year Award. Note that these criteria are for reference only and should apply during 2006.

** Must be a member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce

New Business of the Year (Under 3 Years)

This award is for profit centered businesses which have been in operation in the County of Haliburton for 3 years or less. Please review the list of criteria for key factors to be used to measure the accomplishments of the nominees for the New Business of the Year Award. Note that these criteria are for reference only and should apply during 2006.

Not-For-Profit Business of the Year

This award recognizes the contribution that Not-For-Profit Organizations make to the County of Haliburton. The Award will be presented to an organization that has been in business more than 3 years and follow the same standard list of criteria as the other awards.

Young Entrepreneur of the Year (29 Years and Under)

The criteria for the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award includes proficiency as a Risk Taker, demonstrates Enthusiasm, Motivation, displays Creativity, Originality, Dedication, Innovation and Vision as applied to activities of the Young Entrepreneur during 2006.

Community Achievement Awards

Highlander of the Year

The Highlander of the Year Award recognizes the contributions and community leadership demonstrated by individuals for the benefit of the Haliburton Highlands. Any resident of the Highlands who has made outstanding contributions to the community in the areas of art, culture, heritage, community services, community economic development or the environment are eligible for nomination. The Highlander of the Year is a community booster and a true Ambassador for the Haliburton Highlands.

Youth of the Year

This award will be awarded to a high school student currently or recently attending the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Community minded students with successful academic standing represent the quality of Haliburton's future and are deserving of our recognition. The selection committee will award a student based on their academic and extra curricular activities and who has also shown a willingness to participate throughout the community to enrich the lives of others.

Award of the Year

This award will be selected by the Warden of the County of Haliburton. It will be awarded to an individual, group, team, business or organization who has shown significant achievements or have made significant contributions to the County of Haliburton in 2006.

Standard Criteria for Awards

The selection committee will consider performance and achievement for 2006 in any of, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Leadership and Entrepreneurship
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The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce 2006 Business and Community Achievement Awards Nomination Form

- ☐ Small Business of the Year (1-25 Employees, Member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, in business for 3+ years)
- ☐ Large Business of the Year (26+ Employees, Member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, in business for 3+ years)
- ☐ New Business of the Year (in business 3 years or less)
- ☐ Not-For-Profit Business of the Year (in business for 3+ years)
- ☐ Young Entrepreneur of the Year (29 yrs & under)
- ☐ Highlander of the Year

Note: Award of the Year (selected by the Warden of Haliburton County) and Youth of the Year (selected by the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School) are not nominated awards.

Nominee Information:

Company/Organization/Individual: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

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Is the Nominee aware of this Award? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Related to the criteria for selection please give a brief explanation why you feel this Company/Organization/Individual deserves this award. Attach extra pages if needed.

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Nominations will be accepted until February 28th, 2007.

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The Ontario government and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters are encouraging anyone looking for some winter fun to get outdoors and drop a line during the first winter Ontario Family Fishing Weekend.

"Many Ontarians enjoy winter fishing as a sport and social activity, and parents and others across the province can take this opportunity to introduce children and young adults to the fun of fishing," said Natural Resources Minister David Ramsay. "The winter family fishing weekend is a great time to learn from experienced anglers about fishing, safety and conservation."

Canadian residents can fish licence-free in any public waters across Ontario on Saturday, February 24, and Sunday, February 25.

Through a new partnership arrangement with the ministry, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) will be taking on more responsibility for organizing Ontario Family Fishing weekends.

"Ontario Family Fishing Weekend is the province's flagship outdoors event that works to promote recreational fishing. The original concept for Ontario Family Fishing Weekend was presented by the OFAH and we are pleased that the Ministry of Natural Resources has increased opportunities to participate in this outstanding program," said OFAH President John Ford. "Ice fishing is good family fun, and the OFAH is proud to expand our partnership with the ministry and the outdoor industry to help introduce the new winter edition of Ontario Family Fishing Weekend."

During the family fishing weekend, anglers must follow the conservation licence limits set out in the 2005-2006 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary, which is in effect until future notice.



MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

Shirley Howse, right, organizer of Saturday's annual Tournament of Hearts Bonspiel at the Haliburton Curling Club, presents the overall winner's trophy to lead Mary Jane Dillon, second Tammy MacKay, vice Candy Robinson and skip Sandra Duchemin.

Curling club fetes women in red

WENDY VERMEERSCH

Haliburton Curling Club

The 12th annual Tournament of Hearts Bonspiel for the women of Haliburton was held at the curling club on Saturday, February 10. The organizer of the event was Shirley Howse with Wendy Vermeersch as draw master. Sixty-four women in two draws curled the two games. A fabulous lunch catered by Janet Tice was served by waiters Jack Virgin, Bill Wakely and Bill Vermeersch. Bartenders were Brian Daoust and Bruce Martin.

Many thanks go to main sponsor Magic Touch and IGA. The overall winner was the Duchemin team with Sandra Duchemin as skip, vice Candy Robinson, lead Mary Jane Dillon and second Tammy MacKay.

In the first draw the first place went to skip Ann

MacNaull, Mary Lou Waggett, Ruth Hunt and Pat Wright. Second place was Phyllis Woodcock, Sarah Oakley, Sam Sneath, and Joyce Stephen. Third place went to Beryl Rasmus, Glenda Wakely, Barb Parrish and Wendy Gunning.

The second draw winners in first place were the Sandra Duchemin team. Second place was Pat Norman, Marilyn Watson, Ariel Campbell and Heather Lindsay. Third place was Bev Martin, Carolyn Bebee, Marg Risk and Kathy Harrison.

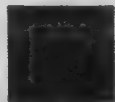
The evening entertainment was a Red Hats Fashion Show with eight models of all shapes and sizes. This entertainment was co-ordinated by Lorraine Virgin and music by Dave Sovereign. Many howls of laughter came from the curlers and Miss Valentine was crowned after a very tight competition among the models.

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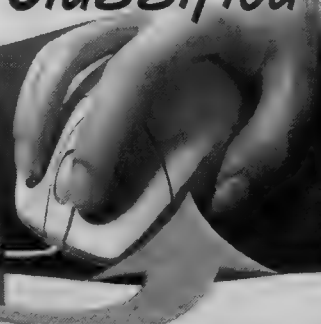
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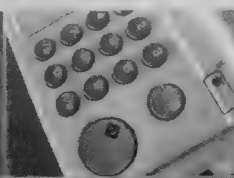
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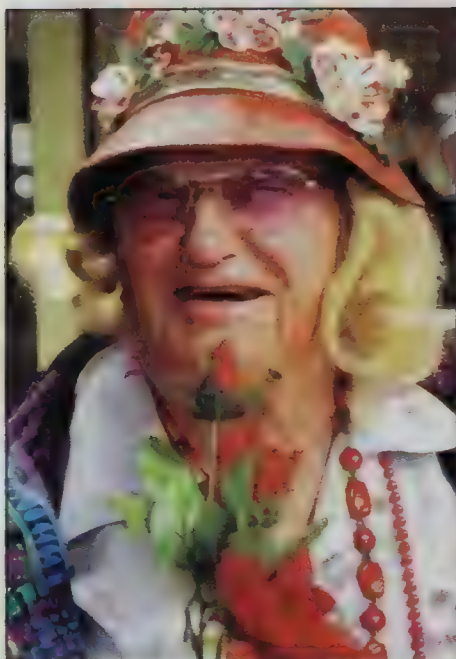


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The crowd of women at the Tournament of Hearts bonspiel at the Haliburton Curling Club couldn't quite believe their eyes when the new Red Hat Society ladies modelled some of the new red and purple fashions. Above, the expressions on Yvonne Johnson and Ariel Campbell's faces say it all. Top left, Donna, aka Don Curry, puckers up for the camera. From left, Louella (Lou Sedore), Barbara (Barry Wilhelm) and Hannah (Brian Hambly) show the well-dressed woman how it's done.

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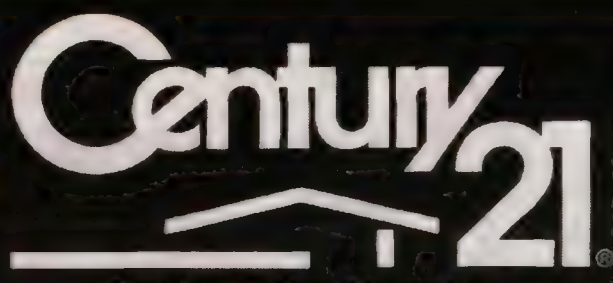
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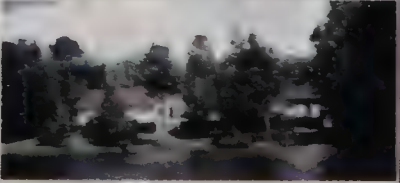


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Halls Lake, located on a municipal road, hydro & Bell at the lot and driveway is roughed in. Easy walking access to a public sand beach. Good access, lots of character, South exposure.
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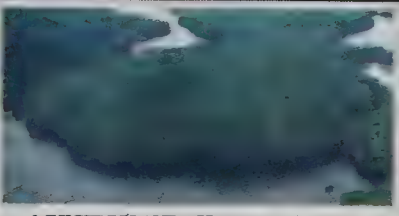
HALLS LAKE/KENNISIS RIVER \$689,000
Sited at the head of Halls Lake on a river delta. This architecturally designed home is creative in all respects. Angled rooms w/large picture windows, oak kitchen w/handmade Portuguese tiles, vaulted & beamed great room w/a Kingston ledge rock FP; den w/FP; 3 large & private bdrms & 3 bathrms. Att. greenhouse, 2 car garage, geo-thermal heating system, & a wired in generator.
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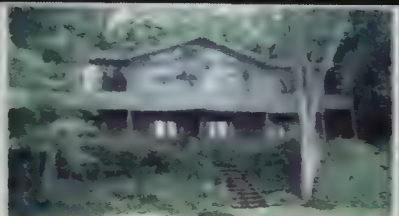
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MISKWABI LAKE ACREAGE \$795,000
Giant parcel w/over 60 acres & 1.4 kilometres of shoreline on Long & Miskwabi Lakes. South, East & West exposures. Absolute privacy, great swimming & boating, hydro, year round road.
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EAGLE LAKE \$484,000
Waterfront home with 196 ft. of sandy shoreline. This 2100 sq. ft. home has an in-law suite, finished basement, 2 FPs & great boating. Minutes to Sir Sam's Ski resort.
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GULL LAKE \$369,000
Lovely 3 bdrm. cottage plus bunkie located on beautiful Gull Lake w/miles of boating. Level lot w/south exposure, great sand beach for children. Full Lake view, just bring the toys.
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HALIBURTON VILLAGE LOT \$49,000
Prime residential building lot on Cty. Rd. 21 on the edge of the village of Haliburton. Municipal sanitary sewers available. Driveway already installed.
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RACKETY CREEK \$149,000
Check out this great value on picturesque Rackety Creek. This 2 bdrm cottage is recently renovated with a w/o bsmt that is ready to finish, large deck, relax at your scenic waterfront w/waterfall & natural pool area for cooling off, shared access to Gull Lake.
Lori Roberts 457-2128



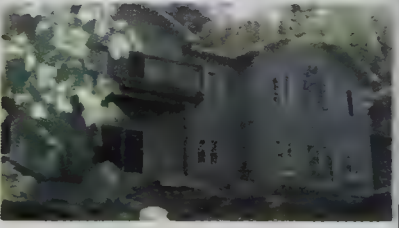
LITTLE KENNISIS \$599,000
Designer decorated/furnished 2048 sq. ft. spectacular cottage, sunken great room, cath. ceilings/wood burning FP; presentation windows, 3 bdrms, den, playroom, ldr & workshop. SW exposure, 150 frontage, deep water & awesome view.
Shirley Rule & Kerry Farr 754-2100



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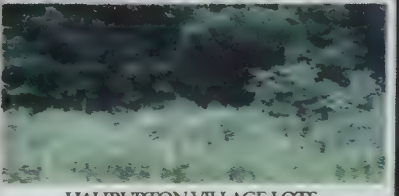
CRANBERRY LAKE \$229,000
4 season waterfront property located close to snowmobile trails w/big lake view & child friendly sand beach. Large deck. Well secluded from neighbours.
Hank Bertrand 457-2128



MISKWABI DEEDED ACCESS \$49,900
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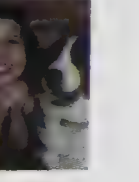
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Just for You...

To my Favourite (Youngest) Son
Glad you back in our Lives
Love Mom and Barry

Chaddy
My heart that was once broken is holding nothing back now that I found you
Love You Forever Tara

Kenzie!!
Happy Valentines
We Love You
Check behind the dryer!!
Love Mommy & Ryan

To my Valentine
Soon we will be wed,
This I hope you do not dread,
Your beauty will remain unchanged
Long after I become deranged
Love Your old fart

To my favourite Mom
I may not visit enough,
But I am always thinking of You
from your favourite Son

Emma and Kylie
My little Valentines...
You are the Sweetest Valentines a grandma could have...
Love & Kisses DeeDee

Valentine Power
to the Man of the Hour
You jump start my heart.
from your Farsel Tart

Ryan
I Love You!
You are tops!
Have a Great Valentine's Day
Love Forever Mackenzie

Stephen
I will hug you & squeeze you & call you "George"
I'm still by your side thru everything & always will be, but remember... you owe me!
Your loving Wife

Mom
I Love You!
Very Much
Have a Great Valentine's Day
Love Forever Mackenzie

Happy Valentine's Day Sweetie
Love David

To my Dreamboat
Thank you for being such a wonderful husband and friend.
I love you loads and toads.
Love Pookatron 4000

Happy Valentine's TO MY "SWEETIE"
All my love Your "Hon"

Happy Valentine's to MOM
MOM & DAD and FIVE WONDERFUL CHILDREN

Gramma
I Love You!
You're the Greatest
Have a Great Valentine's Day
Love Forever Mackenzie

John
"As sure as the sun rises,
To be followed by the moon,
Down the winding road of life
I happily walk with you!"
Laura

Nancy
I checked with the doctors and they have confirmed,
My eyes can only see as far as you!
All My Love Larry

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Rob
Roses are red,
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Celebrating 20 years,
I've been with you!
Always & Forever Love Sharon



Ice fishers catch sun rays and a few fish too

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Mel Smith

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One-hundred and thirty fisherpersons enjoyed a fine day of fishing in the Pat and Phyllis Gallen Memorial Lake Trout Ice Fishing Derby. The weather was exceptionally bright and sunny and there were a number who enjoyed not only catching some rays of sunshine but, as a bonus, caught fish as well. Actually 34 fish were weighed in.

First prize was won by Dwayne Musclow with his fish weighing in at 2.475 kg. Dwayne caught his prize fish in Farquhar Lake and took home a money prize of \$300.

Second prize was won by James Fowler who caught his 1.490 kg fish in Miskwabi Lake. James' winning fish netted him \$260 in prize money.

Third place was won by Darrin Musclow with his 1.250 kg. fish that was caught in Farquhar Lake. Darrin's winnings - \$220.

Many other participants in the derby received prizes that were donated by local businesses. Congratulations to all participants.

The RCL Ladies Auxiliary did an excellent job again with their all-you-can-eat Sunday Brunch. This was very well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you ladies, Ken and Mike.

Get out your calendars and pens. I have heard through the grapevine there has been a murder committed and I hear "Rock" N. Roley may have had something to do with it. I will keep you updated as I investigate this further, but do plan on coming out to the Legion on April 28 to help solve this murder mystery.

Grim winter's grip has a hold of us but for a chance encounter arranged by fate plan on attending the Legion's St. Valentine's Dance on Saturday, February 17 at 9 p.m. Enjoy free admission and D.J. Pat Casselman will fill the evening with some great love songs. Ti Amo - how I love you so.

There are many great upcoming events. However, just like the weather, the events scheduled may change and there may be even more things to add to these great things to do as the month progresses. Just remember

everyone is welcome to come out and join in or just sit and talk to friends.

February 12: 7:00 p.m. Pool (free. Everyone welcome)

February 13: 1:00 p.m. Open Cribbage Tournament 1st, 2nd & 3rd prize. Everyone welcome

February 14: St. Valentine's Day

February 14: 7:30 p.m. Darts

February 15: 1:00 p.m. Euchre

February 16: 1:00 p.m. Pool

February 17: 3:00 p.m. Meat Draw

February 17: 9:00 p.m. St. Valentine's Dance. Free admission.

February 19: 7:00 p.m. Pool (free). Everyone welcome

February 20: 1:00 p.m. Open Cribbage Tournament, 1st, 2nd & 3rd prize. Everyone welcome

February 20: 7:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting.

February 21: Ash Wednesday

February 21: 7:30 p.m. Darts

February 22: 1:00 p.m. Public Speaking competition for students of Wilberforce E.S. to be held at the Lloyd Watson Centre. Try to be there to watch the little one's speeches.

February 22: 1:00 p.m. Euchre

February 23: 1:00 p.m. Pool

February 24: 3:00 p.m. Meat Draw

February 26: 7:00 p.m. Pool (free). Everyone Welcome

February 27: 1:00 p.m. Open Cribbage Tournament, 1st, 2nd & 3rd prize. Everyone welcome

February 28: 1:00 p.m. Euchre

February 28: 7:30 p.m. Darts



The wonderful Wizard of Oz

Razzamataz Kids Shows presented the Wizard of Oz with Kathryn Popham, who told the story and used local kids as actors. About 160 people took in the show. The kids had 45 minutes to practice a few lines before the big show February 4 at the Northern Lights Pavilion.

Top left: Hannah Klose was Dorothy, and in the basket was her little dog, too.

Top right: Ethan Howe was one of the Munchkins.

Above: Mikayla Stinson as the Tinman, Krista Bamford as the Scarecrow, Hannah Klose as Dorothy, and Spencer Devolin as the Cowardly Lion.

Right: Kathryn Popham performed the rest of the roles, including Aunt Em.

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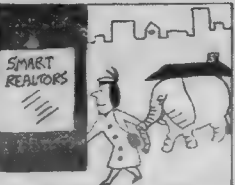
REAL ESTATE UPDATE

WHY HOUSE SITS AND SITS

QUESTION: May neighbor has an excellent house for sale that has been sitting dormant for over a year. What makes it so unsalable?

ANSWER: In the real estate trade it's called the "White elephant Syndrome." The cause of this blight is almost always the same — OVERPRICING!

Eventually, the seller has to reduce the price to sell. By that time, it's too late. The good prospects have waved goodbye and bought elsewhere. The appearance and condition have deteriorated. The eventual selling price is far below what it should have realized had it been valued realistically from the outset. Let us help you set the RIGHT price from the start!



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Celebrate the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act

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Valerie Smith
448-3640

The month of February and, in particular, the 14th day is special for people around the globe. For me it is a day filled with many precious memories. One Valentine's Day I remember so well we had a box social at school. I remember decorating a heart shaped box in bright red paper, white lace and red cutout hearts. As my mother helped me pack a lunch inside it, she talked about the popularity of box socials when she was young. When their school needed to purchase something they would hold box socials to raise money. The young ladies in the community would prepare a box lunch and put it in a decorated shoebox, hatbox or any other type of container. The attractiveness of the boxes was limited only by one's own imagination. The boxes were set out and the young men would bid on a box and share the lunch with the young lady who packed it.

There are numerous traditions and customs of St. Valentine's day that have transcended the years of time since St. Valentine was put to death for refusing to stop marrying couples. He died February 14, 269 AD and his memory still lingers on. Everyone likes to be well thought of, appreciated and loved and, after all, Valentine's Day is about caring so don't forget the red roses, boxes of chocolates and cards for those special people in your life. Happy Valentine's Day to all!

Another local tradition in this area took place in the 1800s when settlers were immigrating to this area and building the first villages. Many of the local townships had been purchased from the Provincial government by an English joint stock company that was formed for speculative purposes. Needless to say, the names of

many of the villages were influenced by British subjects. One such town was Wilberforce!

Wilberforce was named after a deeply religious English member of parliament by the name of William Wilberforce. He, along with others, campaigned for an end to the trading of black slaves from Africa to the West Indies for goods. These slaves were carried by British ships in very appalling conditions. William was defeated many times; however he continued to bring the subject of slave trade before the Commons and moved numerous bills for the abolition of slavery and emancipation of all slaves. He died in August, 1833, just one month before the British Parliament passed the Slavery Abolition Act that gave all slaves in the British Empire their freedom. It was an extraordinary act that transformed the face of world history.

February 23, 2007 marks the 200th Anniversary of his crowning achievement, the "Abolition of the Slave Trade" Act. On Sunday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m., the Harcourt Community Chapel in Harcourt will be holding a celebration of the life of William Wilberforce. The service will include a video of his life and everyone is welcome to come and learn more about life and achievements of William Wilberforce, the man whom the town of Wilberforce was named after. For more information call 448-CARE (2273).

Please remember Community Care Haliburton County's "Seniors in Haliburton - Telling Our Stories". They invite seniors over the age of 70 living in Haliburton County to tell their stories. Grade 12 students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will be matched up with seniors to interview, record and write the seniors' stories. The stories will be published as col-

lected works and recorded on a CD for distribution across the county.

For more information about this exciting intergenerational program, please contact Shelley King at (705) 448 8889.

If you have any item of interest to share and you wish to submit it for the next feature of the Harcourt and Community News, please e-mail vsmith.rhapsody@sympatico.ca or call 705 448 3640. Always glad to hear from you!

Upcoming events for Harcourt and surrounding communities:

February 14: Bingo is held every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Harcourt Community Centre. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

February 15: Progressive Euchre is held every Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Harcourt Community Centre. Cost is only \$2. Come out for an evening of great fun playing Euchre followed by a light social lunch. For further information please call Mel Smith at 448-3640.

February 18: 7 p.m. Harcourt Community Chapel Service featuring William Wilberforce.

February 23: 12 noon. Community Care Haliburton County Diner's Club at the South Algonquin Cookhouse, Harcourt. For more information or reservations please call Eileen Knox at 448-2596.

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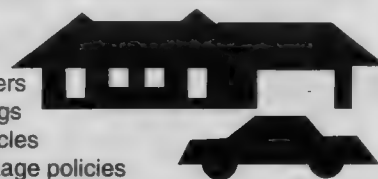
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What would Shrove Tuesday be without pancakes? In keeping with this tradition the annual Pancake Luncheon will be held at St. Margaret's Anglican Church on Tuesday February 20. Pancakes with a variety of toppings and sausages will be served hot off the griddle for only \$5 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. And how about a corn flapjack for dessert — or a blueberry or pumpkin pancake?

The six teams participating for the Don Fevreau Trophy in the Ladies' Valentine Bonspiel on February 9 and 10 at the Wilberforce club played hard and competed well. Two Wilberforce teams came out on top. The Laura Casey team of Tammy Vaughan, Joanne Bugg and Janice Dahms tallied 37.75 points and came first. The trophy was presented by Iona Fevreau. Placing a very close second with 36 points was the ever-competitive team of Angie Jeans, Gerri Waugh, Ginny Carmichael, and Nadia Martinek. In

third place was a short-handed team of Danielle Potvin, Karen Wernhan and Linda Evans with 32.50 points. They came from the Newmarket area along with the Donna Fevreau team. The trophy and prize presentation took place after a pleasant dinner. Appreciation heartily extended to bonspiel sponsors Curry Motors and Haliburton Lumber, and to Doug Stephen, convenor, and to all who made the event a success.

Charles Hughes called to let us know that the Sunday, February 18, 2007 evening service at the Harcourt chapel will feature a celebration of the life of William Wilberforce. This will include a video on the life of the British Legislator who introduced the anti-slave trade legislation into the British parliament. February 23, 2007 will be the 200th anniversary of that important action. Wilberforce of course claims to be named after this famous person. Service begins at 7 p.m.

This is National Heritage Week in Canada. Thursday, February 15 is Flag day. For 42 years since February 15, 1995 Canadians have been flying and waving the red maple leaf flag. There will be an afternoon of traditional board and card games at the Outpost museum beginning about 1 p.m. The Pathfinders will join W.H. Guild members for more old-time games at 7 p.m. Refreshments as usual. All welcome. It's free.

A number of Wilberforce people attended Wintermission, a concert by the Highlands Male Chorus on Sunday afternoon, February 11. The Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion resounded with tenor, baritone and bass voices singing a wide range of selections from the rollicking "What Shall We Do With a Drunken Sailor" to the gentle "Candle On The Water", from "Stout Hearted Men" to "The Awakening" and "Tread Softly". The program included oldies such as "Heart Of My Heart" and "Bye Bye Blackbird".

Instrumental numbers, "Stranger On The Shore" and "Take 5" by Graham Bowker on base, Dave Hawley on clarinet and Melissa Stephen on piano were enthusiastically received.

This wonderful afternoon of music provided by thirty-six men including Stan Beard and Frank Matys of Wilberforce was directed by Melissa Stephens and accompanied by Betty Mills. The concert ended with "Unchained Melody", the group's touching theme song.

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Painting the Highlands in the Grove



A group of painters meets the third Tuesday of every month at the Highland Grove Community Centre.

Above left: Claire Loft of Harcourt clearly loves what she's doing. "I've been painting for years," she said. "We've been together four years. We spend all day and have a wonderful time painting."

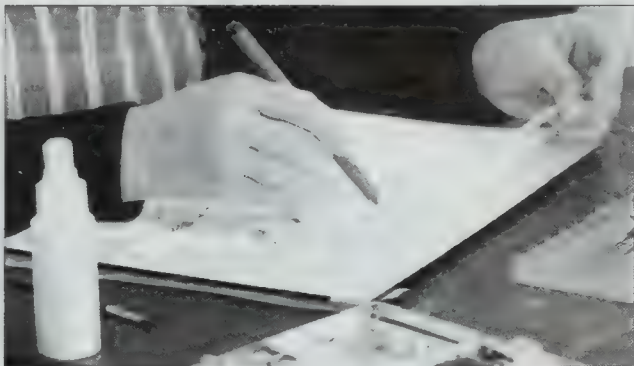
Above: Marilyn Turner of Harcourt and Maija Stone of Stormy Lake concentrate on their work. "I love coming here," Stone said. "I love the drive and that it's so far away." "It's great that they let us use the community centre because we can get together and encourage each other," Turner added.

Far left: Pat Clarke of Wilberforce and Marilyn Turner discuss art and their tools after their painting session. "You could do it at home," Clarke said, "but it's not the same."

Left: Donna Stover of Kinmount dries off her watercolour. "It's a chance to get together and avoid laundry. It's a fun time."

Below: Maija Stone draws her inspiration from a photograph.

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The power and mystery of the Inuksuk is conveyed through Mary Intven Wallace's paintings.

Take a voyage through the Arctic

Mary Intven Wallace: Inuksuk Song

The Highland Room
Rails End Gallery, Haliburton
February 17 to March 24
Reception, Artist Talk & Slides: February 17, 2-4 pm

Join the Rails End Gallery as it presents award-winning artist, author and educator Mary Intven Wallace on a visual journey to the vibrant centre of our northern arctic land, Nunavut.

The former Haliburton Highlands resident has travelled to the far north several times and through this work, we travel with her. The power and mystery of the Inuksuk will be conveyed through her paintings of the lyrical Arctic landscape, stories about our links to the north, and information on why the Inuksuk is such a strong symbol of communication, sharing and cooperation.

In her work, Intven Wallace will document, interpret, visualize and bring form and colour to the meanings and messages found within the most ancient of Canada's cultures. Her artwork provides the viewer with the opportunity to reflect on the juxtaposition of stone age and space age.

In addition to viewing her acrylic paintings, participants in the gallery tour will enjoy slides portraying Inuit life and the Arctic landscape, learn about Nunavut and Inuit culture, and view the large, luminescent silk paintings that are Intven Wallace's original illustrations from *The Inuksuk Book*. As well, each person will be provided with the opportunity to build an individual stone Inuksuk as a symbol of personal gifts and talents that each brings to his/her community.

"Understanding that then and now, here and there, we all need the same food, shelter, and sense of community.

We wonder at, and revere the beauty and power of our natural world. Thus, along with new friendships came the gift of a deeper appreciation and understanding of how much we are alike."

The artist shares her love of the land, sea and sky in her vibrant paintings of the Canadian landscape. Her art is shown across Canada, as well as in the books she writes. *The Inuksuk Book* is recipient of the National Outdoor Book Award, International White Raven Award, and Voice of Youth Advocates Award. As well as painting and writing, Intven Wallace is a teacher of art programs at Museum London, University of Western Ontario, and at schools and community groups across Canada. The 2006 Ontario Excellence in Art Education Award was presented to her by the Canadian Society for Education through Art.

Meanwhile, the Ticket Room Gallery and gift shop showcases work by members of Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. The bold and beautiful work of Lois Raw will be featured from February 17 to March 24.

Let the Inuit teach you how to enjoy winter

Local residents can chill out on the last Saturday of February by taking part in a day of winter play.

Winter Play is the name of the free event set for February 24 from 2-4 p.m.. It features an afternoon of Inuit-inspired activities for families.

The event takes place at the Rails End Gallery at 23 York St. (on the edge of Head Lake Park) in Haliburton Village.

Families can take in an Inukshuk project show by award-winning artist Mary Intven-Wallace indoors at the gallery, while also trying out free outdoor activities such as Inuit-inspired games, snow-sculpture contest, snowshoeing, Inukshuk building activity and more. Hot chocolate and a chili lunch will be available for sale.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, Health for Life and Rails End Gallery are teaming up on the Winter Day event. It is part of WinterActive, a national campaign that promotes ways for people to be active and stay healthy during the winter months.

More information about Winter Play is available by calling the Health Unit at 457-1391, ext. 249, or Rails End Gallery at 457-2330.

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Time: 8 - Midnight

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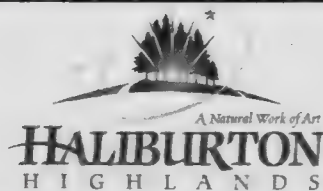
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The candidate should:

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- be able to work with committee volunteers
- possess excellent organizational, communication and leadership skills

Teaching experience is an asset.

Email resume and covering letter to
s.ziman@sympatico.ca by March 2, 2007.

Fundraiser blurs the line between funds and fun

Concert honours St. Valentine with song, literature and drama at Maple Lake United Church this past Saturday

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Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

Was it a fund-raiser or a fun-raiser? Saturday evening's concert of love songs, readings and performance in honour of St. Valentine at Maple Lake United Church was certainly fun to be part of and to listen to.

Local talent was supplied by the Rev. Max Ward who M.C.'d the event as well as reading a tale of wholehearted generosity and by playing Londonderry Air on

his trombone and by being part of the vocal quintet. John Miller, who sometimes supplies at the organ when Kathleen is absent from that office on holiday, played at keyboard and sang two selections.

The audience of fifty or thereabouts also enjoyed the musical bass of Karl Upton's singing of two suitably romantic songs. Love was also the theme of the two

selections on trumpet and clarinet by Bas Bouthoorn and me respectively.

Hearts and red flowers decorations adorned both church and basement, and little candles glowed in red glasses and a perfect setting for Evelyn Stata's Valentine poem of her own composition. Ev was also part of the quintet which included Hazel Dorman, Beverly Upton, the Rev. Max, and John Miller.

Grenville Griffin's selection of "One Day at a Time" added much to the program which ended with Kathleen and Earl's selections at keyboard and fiddle. Their final piece being accompaniment for "The Day Thou Gavest." And guess what? Refreshments were then served downstairs. What the dear ladies of the church called light refreshments included not only the usual goodies you expected but also hot apple cider, sausage rolls and Mexican dip - so-o-o good. Thank you, one and all for a delightful evening. Thanks to participants was expressed by Merrie Barry in the gift of a long-stemmed red rose for each of us. Ev Stata's invitation cards decorated with roses and hearts included her verse:

"Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Our church is here,
And waiting for you."



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120, AS AMENDED MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- **DATE:** Monday March 5th, 2007.
- **TIME:** 7:00 pm.
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers in the Municipal Office
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Emmerson:
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit the creation of two rural residential lots.
 - Zone change to Rural Residential Exception 1 (RR-1). This will recognize two lots which have merged in title through inadvertence.
 - Location: Part Lot 5, Concessions 3 and 4, Dysart Township (Old Donald Road).
 - This application is a condition of application for consent H-013/2006.
 - This property is the subject of minor variance applications D13-MV-07-002 and D13-MV-07-003, which are being processed concurrently with this file.
2. Lands of Clementson:
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit the addition of one small parcel to the adjacent property to the east. The proposed by-law zones the small parcel consistent with the land to which it will be added.
 - Zone change to Waterfront Residential Type 4L (WR4L).
 - Location: Part Lot 27, Concession 12, Harcourt Township (Benoir Lake).
 - This application is a condition of application for consent H-083/2006.
3. General Amendments to By-law 2006-120:
 - Purpose and Effect: to consider a proposed general amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2005-120, as amended. The proposed amendment will ensure that the Zoning By-law remains current and clear in its direction. The following sections of By-law 2005-120 are affected by the proposed by-law:
 - Section 1.2(e): Interpretation and Administration - Building Permit Issued;
 - Section 2.32: Definition - Dwelling Unit;
 - Section 2.3.8: Definition - Family;
 - Section 2.69: Definition - Lot;
 - Section 2.75: Definition - Lot Area;
 - Section 3.1(d): General Provisions - Private Cabins;
 - Section 3.17: General Provisions - Lots Divided into More than One Zone;
 - Table 2: General Provisions - Parking Provisions;
 - Table 7.2: Commercial Zones - Zone Provisions;
 - Table 9.2: Rural Zones - Zone Provisions; and
 - Section 9.3(c): Rural Zones - Other Provisions.
 - Location: all lands within the zoned area of the Municipality of Dysart et al.
4. Amendment to By-law 2005-120: Wind Turbines
 - Purpose and Effect: to consider an amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2005-120, as amend to add provisions to regulate the location of wind turbines.
 - Add a definition for a wind turbine.
 - Permit wind turbines in all zoned areas of the Municipality subject to the following setbacks:
 - Water setback: 1000 feet
 - Lot line setback: 500 feet
 - Location: all lands within the zoned area of the Municipality of Dysart et al.
- IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY that files an appeal of a decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al in respect of the proposed zoning by-law, does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.
- FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 6th day of February, 2007.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP
Municipal Planner

Notice to all Pit and Quarry Operators and Landowners Public Information Session

Effective January 1, 2007, the County of Haliburton, County of Hastings, Townships of South Algonquin, Addington Highlands, North Frontenac, North Kawartha, and the northern part of the Township of Galway Cavendish and Harvey, were designated under the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA). This legislation requires that all established pit and quarry operations within these areas must apply to the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) for a licence by June 30, 2007 in order to continue operations beyond this date.

The MNR Bancroft District is holding an information session at the Faraday Township Community Centre, 13 Lower Faraday Road, on Monday, February 19, at 1:00 p.m., to provide more information to operators and landowners. The Community Center is located approximately 7.5 km west of the MNR Bancroft office on Hwy. 28.

For further information please contact:

Ministry of Natural Resources
Minden Area office
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Speakers offer a glimpse into AIDS and cancer

Canadian Federation of University Women put on special program

JUNE STEWART

Special to the Echo

Haliburton's Canadian Federation of University Women has a very special program for its February 22 meeting.

Two speakers will offer a glimpse into the fight against two deadly diseases – AIDS and cancer.

Thea Patterson, one of our own members, will be speaking about her December trip to Il Ngwesi, Kenya, the home of the Canada World Youth group who lived and worked in Haliburton a year and a half ago. She and her husband

were invited by the leaders of Il Ngwesi to see the progress of the HIV/AIDS awareness and testing program initiated by the NGO, Institute of Cultural Affairs. Patterson has done overseas work with the Institute for years.

The program is midway in its implementation. Patterson has many stories of the successes, pitfalls, joys and sorrows of this most important endeavour.

Lyndsey Fullman, fundraising co-ordinator for the Canadian Cancer Society, will inform us about the introduction of the Relay For Life in Haliburton. The event is planned for June 15 and 16 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Relay For Life is an exciting, magical, 12-hour overnight community event – a meaningful way to fight against cancer.

The meeting is open to everyone. It is at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 22 at Fleming College.




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The successful candidate will have a systemic understanding of adolescence and love working with conduct-disordered teens. He/she will show initiative and self-direction and be able to work collaboratively with a broad variety of professionals and community members. He/she will be able to work flexible hours, including some evening and week-end work. He/she will have relevant post-secondary education and experience, a reliable vehicle and valid driver's license.

If you possess these skills and would like to live and work in beautiful Haliburton County, please forward curriculum vitae by February 28, 2007 to Human Resources, Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, Box 1306, Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0, fax 705-457-3492, e-mail hr@pointintime.ca. Please visit our website at <http://www.pointintime.ca/>

We thank all applicants but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

community calendar

What's happening in the Highlands

CURRENT EVENTS

- **Feb. 13:** Parent Talk Time – Gain tips & tricks for dealing with concerns around biting, hitting, whining and tantrums in your preschooler. Join Bev Jackson for this informal time at the OEYC Haliburton from 10:30 to 11:30. Call 457-2989 for info.
- **Feb. 14:** The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held in the Common Room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Doors open at 6, speaker at 7 p.m. (Please enter by the back door.) Everyone welcome – No charge. Refreshments available. Call Gail Leach-Wunker at 286-2225.
- **Feb. 15:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-in. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Feb. 15:** Food Handler Course. Course for food handlers that certifies them in safe food handling methods. Held at the Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton Village from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 457-1391 for cost and more details.
- **Feb. 16 to Apr. 20:** From Lullabies to Literacy – Help your child to enjoy books and learn to read through activities, songs and stories. Fridays 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the Minden OEYC. In partnership with Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents. For more info call 286-4625.
- **Feb. 17 to Mar. 24:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre presents: Mary Intven Wallace: Inuksuk Song. Highland Room. Reception, Artist Talk & Slides: February 17, 2-4 p.m. Join us as we present award winning artist, author & educator, Mary Intven Wallace, on a visual journey to the vibrant centre of our northern arctic land, Nunavut. Mary has traveled to the far north several times and throughout this work, we travel with her. For info call 457-2330.
- **Feb. 18:** Full Gospel Lighthouse, Haliburton, Sunday Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Feb. 18 the speaker is Mike Rutter.
- **Feb. 18:** Critters & Trestles – is a community supper celebrating the wildlife & history of Haliburton's railway corridors, taking place at Camp Wanakita, 1883 Koshlong Lk. Rd., Haliburton. Interactive wildlife presentation for kids begins at 5 p.m. sharp. Dinner speaker Leopoldina Dobrzensky recalls life during the days when the trains ran – then the floor is yours! Personal stories captured on video by Highlands Media Arts; Railway photos & artifacts from Haliburton Museum, kids' games, prizes. Something for every age. Call 457-4767 for cost & to reserve.
- **Feb. 18 & 25:** Holy Land – Holy People. What it means to be a Christian, a Jew or a Muslim. Sun., Feb. 18: The desert, The Word; Sun., Feb. 25: Covenant & Reality, The Living Spirit. At Our Lady of Fatima Church Hall, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd. in Minden. Light refreshments will be served at 12:30 p.m. and the film will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. Each session will end at 3 p.m. No charge. Pre-registration is required, please call Bonnie Fleischaker at 286-6141. For 13 years and up.
- **Feb. 19:** Maple Syrup – Operations and Opportunities. Dorset Recreational Centre, Mon., Feb. 19, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Stewardship Series closes off with one of our most popular topics, maple syrup production. This workshop is ideal for both the backyard and small commercial operator or for those looking to expand their current production. This workshop guarantees sweet rewards. To register, please contact: 286-5206, e-mail shirley.davidson@mnr.gov.on.ca
- **Feb. 20 for 13 weeks:** Lakeside Baptist Church, Park St., Haliburton – Grief Share Support Group. Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. No charge to attend. A safe caring place to be when grief hurts. To register for attendance please call Sue Bain at 457-2570 or Pat & Doug Hardy at 286-3635.
- **Feb. 20 to Mar. 27:** Kindergym – An energetic program where children (18 mths. To 3 yrs.) & caregivers learn and explore music and movement. 11 to 11:30 a.m. at the Haliburton Dance Arts Studio. To register please phone 457-2989.

ONGOING EVENTS

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- **Now until April 26:** Highlands Parent-Child Mother Goose – from 10-11 a.m. for parents with children 0 to 2.5 yrs. A 10 week program to learn rhymes, songs and stories in a relaxed environment at the OEYC Haliburton. In partnership with Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth & Parents. Call 286-4625 to register.
- **Lakeside Baptist Church, Park St., Haliburton – Grief Share Support Group.** Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. **starting Feb. 20 for 13 weeks.** No charge to attend. A safe caring place to be when grief hurts. To register for attendance please call Sue Bain at 457-2570 or Pat & Doug Hardy at 286-3635.
- **Thursdays in February:** Join us for Fun & Fitness circles at the Minden OEYC from 10:30 to 11:30 as we stretch, dance & become yoga animals.
- **Adult Badminton:** Mondays 8 - 10 p.m. Now until May 28/07 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Join us for fun, fellowship & fitness. Call 286-1765 for further information.
- **Wednesdays – Tea at 3:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Every Wednesday, for adults who like to talk about Art and drink tea. 3 o'clock. Free. Call 457-2330.
- **Thursdays:** Knit Wits, 4-5 p.m. at the Rails End Gallery. Free. After school knitting circle for ages 11+
- **For women** experiencing any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 286-6442 or (800) 461-7656.
- **Recreational Squash:** Thursday evenings Jan. 11 to Mar. 22 beside Haliburton Arena from 7-9 p.m. (Students half price) Beginners welcome anytime! Raquets available – free lessons. Call 457-2862 for cost or info.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild** meets every second Wednesday of each month at Camp Adelaide, which is on #118, between Haliburton & Tory Hill. The building is open from 10 a.m. for those who want to do some quilting, etc., and the general meeting starts at 1 p.m. with refreshments at mid-meeting. Guests and new members are welcome. Call Anita Dobell at 457-3723.
- **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - for women 50 years and over, screening by appointment only on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call (705) 328-6175.
- **Township of Algonquin Highlands** – For adults and seniors in the community, Euchre at Club 35 on Mondays at 7 p.m. For more info call: 489-2945.
- **Don't forget that Community Care** offers Contract Bridge every Monday afternoon, Bid Euchre every Thursday afternoon and Cribbage every Friday afternoon. All card games begin at 1 o'clock. Call Ida at 457-2941 for more info.
- **Al-Anon Meetings** – Are you affected by someone else's drinking? If so, Al-anon may be for you. Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8:00 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.
- **If you are a senior (55+)** or a physically disabled adult (18+) and like to play cards, Community Care Haliburton County offers Contract Bridge every Mon. afternoon at 1 p.m., Bid Euchre is offered every Thurs. afternoon at 1 p.m. and Cribbage is offered every Fri. at 1 p.m. Call Ida at 457-2941.
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- **OEYC Haliburton:** February is Fables & Tales month. Join us Mondays from 10:30 to 11:30 as we learn about some of our favourite stories. Call 457-2989 for info.

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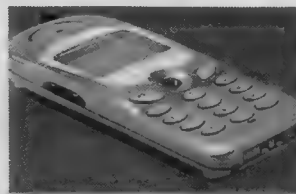
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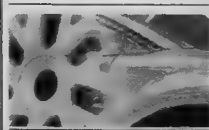
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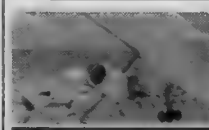
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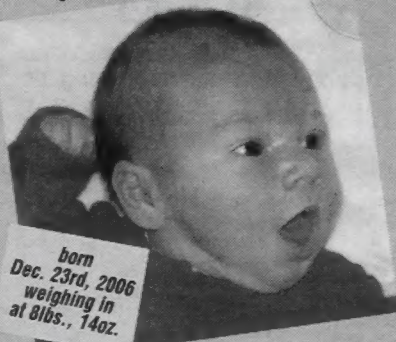
CAMERON - Chadlow Constance 'Connie' Peacefully at her home in Extencare - Haliburton on Monday morning, February 5, 2007 in her 88th year. Beloved wife of the late James Cameron. Loving mother of Ann (Mrs. Terry Maher) of Haliburton and Donald and his wife Sharon of Toronto. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Jenifer (Scott), Michael, Kristine (Erik), Stuart (Molly) and her four great grandchildren Lisa, Brian, Ariana & Evan. Predeceased by her sisters Freda & Helene. Also fondly remembered by her many beloved friends.

Remembrance Gathering
Friends are invited to call at EXTENDICARE-HALIBURTON 167 Park St., Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-1722 on Wednesday afternoon, February 21, 2007 for a celebratory tea from 2 until 3:30 p.m. Spring interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Proud Pioneers of Extencare would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209

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Births

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Obituaries

Walter Morgan Thomas (Born St. Lambert, Quebec) on February 4, 2007 at the age of 90. Walter passed away at Lakeridge Health Whitby surrounded in love by his family. He leaves his beloved wife of 65 years, Margaret "Pet" Isabella (Mackellar) and his children, Carol Dewey (Bill), Beverley Hunnisett (Lawrence Myers), and Karen Floyd (Peter) and his sister Dorothy McNeish. He is predeceased by his daughter Lois. He conveyed a legacy of humour and love of life, to his many devoted and loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren who have delighted in his stories and jokes over the years. This prized legacy to his family will live on in our hearts.

As per Walter's request there will be no funeral service and the family will gather to celebrate a full life well lived. If desired donations can be made to the Proud Pioneers, Extencare Haliburton, Ontario are appreciated.

We feel blessed that dad was admitted to Lakeridge Health Whitby, for his final journey. He was treated with such respect and dignity by the nursing staff and medical staff of 4 west, and the staff of the dialysis unit at Whitby.

Memorial services

FRIENDS are invited to a Celebration of Sharon French's life at 237 Highland Street (Across from the LCBO) in Haliburton on Sunday, February 18, 2007 between 1 and 3 pm.

In memoriam

DOVELL, Floyd - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandpa Floyd who passed away February 13, 1985.

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LITTLE, Leonard - In Loving memory of a dear son, bother, uncle who passed away February 14, 1996.

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Beyond my smile there lies a tear,
For the dad I lost and loved so dear.
I miss that love you showed so freely,
I miss your arms that held me dearly.
The hardest thing in life to bear,
Is to want you dad when you're not there.
With a broken heart I whisper low,
God bless you dad I love you so.
As long as I live I'll always be glad,
That I was your child and you were my dad.

Forever missed and remembered each and every day. Your daughter Wanda-Lee McNeil

MCNEIL - Merreit, Sr. - In loving memory of a dear husband who passed away February 13, 1998.

God knew that he was suffering,
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So He closed his weary eyelids,
And whispered "Peace be thine".
Away in the beautiful hills of God,
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In memoriam

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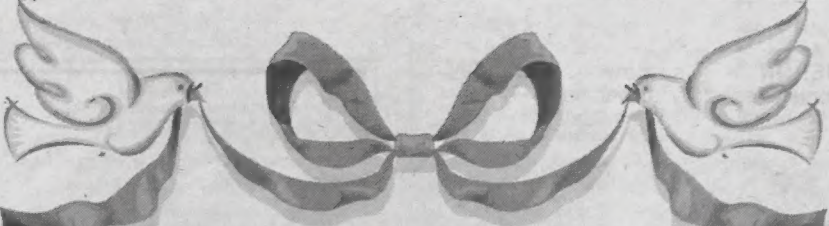
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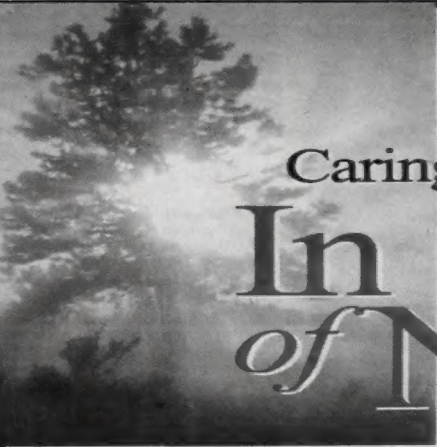


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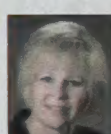


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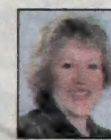
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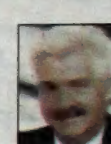
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